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MARYLAND GAZETTE.

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WHITEHALL, *November* 27.

Extract of a letter from Sir Henry Clinton to the right honourable lord George Germain, dated on board the London, off Chesapeake, October 19, 1781; *by capt. Melcombe, of his majesty's sloop the Rattlesnake, who arrived in town late on Sunday night.*

AGREEABLE to the information which I had the honour to give your lordship in my last dispatches, the fleet, under the command of rear-admiral Graves, sailed from Sandy-Hook on the 16th instant, and arrived off Cape Charles the 24th when we had the mortification to hear that lord Cornwallis had proposed terms of capitulation to the enemy on the 17th.

This intelligence was brought us by the pilot of the Charon, and some other persons who came off from the shore, and said they had made their escape from York on the 18th, and had not heard any firing there since the day before. The Nymph frigate also arriving the next day from New-York, brought me a letter from his lordship dated the 23th, the desponding tenor of which gave me the most alarming apprehensions of its truth. Since then we have been plying off the capes with variable and hard gales of wind to the present hour, without being able to procure any further information, except from two men taken in a canoe, whose report exactly corresponds with the former.

Comparing therefore the intelligence given by those people, and several others since come in, with the purport of lord Cornwallis's letter, a copy of which I have the honour to enclose for your lordship's information, we cannot entertain the least doubt of his lordship's having capitulated, and that we are unfortunately too late to relieve him; which being the only object of the expedition, the admiral has determined upon returning with his fleet to Sandy-Hook.

I beg leave to mention to your lordship. that the army is under the greatest obligations to the admirals, the captains, and the officers of the king's ships, for the cheerfulness with which they submitted to many and great inconveniences for our accommodation on this service.

Copy of a letter from earl Cornwallis, to his excellency Sir Henry Clinton, dated York, Virginia, October 25, 1781.

Last evening the enemy carried my two advanced redoubts on the left by storm, and during the night have included them in their second parrallel, which they are at present busy in perfecting.

My situation now becomes very critical, we dare not shew a gun to their old batteries, and I expect their new ones will be open to-morrow morning. Experience has shewn that our fresh earthen works do not resist their powerful artillery, so that we shall be soon exposed to an assault in ruined works, in a bad position, and with weakened numbers.

The safety of the place is therefore so precarious, that I cannot recommend that the fleet and army should run great risque in endeavouring to save us. I have the honour to be, with great respect, Sir &c.

Admiralty office, November 27, 1781.

Capt. Melcombe, of his majesty's sloop the Rattlesnake, arrived at this office late on Sunday night from North-America, with dispatches from rear-admiral Graves to Mr. Stephens, of which the following is an extract:

London, at sea, October 29, 1781.

In my last letter, by the Lively, captain Manly, I desired you to acquaint the lords commissioners of the admiralty, of my having passed the bar of New-York with the British fleet, with 7000 of the army embarked, to go to the relief of earl Cornwallis, at York in the Chesapeake.

The fleet accordingly sailed the moment the troops were put on board, and proceeded the same day (the 19th) for the Chesapeake.

The 24th we received intelligence from a black man, who was pilot of his majesty's ship Charon, a white man who belonged to the quarter-master-general's department, and another black man, who had made their escape together from York, that lord Cornwallis had capitulated on the 18th instant the day before the fleet sailed from Sandy-Hook.

The 25th one of our boats brought off some people from the shore near Cape Charles, who gave the same report of the capitulation.

The 26th his majesty's ship la Nymph joined us from New-York, and brought dispatches from lord Cornwallis, dated the 15th, a copy of which is enclosed, and leaves little room to question the truth of the other intelligence. The three people being still on board and questioned again, and known for what they reported themselves to be by several persons, helped still to corroborate: I therefore determined to detach the Rattlesnake for Europe to give the earliest information to their lordships, that government may be prepared to receive the particulars.

I should have been happy to have tried every possible means to effect a relief, could we have arrived in time; that prospect being at an end, I determined to leave this station, and return to New-York.

N. B. The copy of lord Cornwallis's letter, above referred to, is the same as that printed in the foregoing dispatches from Sir Henry Clinton.

LONDON, *October* 18.

A cabinet council was held yesterday on the late dispatches from Sir Samuel Hood; but we are given to understand, that it is not, even yet, meant to abandon the American war.

It is difficult to determine, whether the conduct of the present ministry is most deserving ridicule or contempt. Any other men would send out fleets that might have, at least, a chance of beating the enemy; but under the present naval system, our fleets are not meant to act where the enemy are. Hence, Darby leaves the channel the moment the combined fleet enters it. Admiral Graves proceeds to New-York, because the French have been so impolite as to block up the Chesapeake. And commodore Johnstone, forsooth, returns home, merely because the enemy got to the cape of Good Hope before him!

By Johnstone's late dispatches, and his situation, we learn, that his boasted South Sea expedition is as visionary as that which duped the public in the year 1720.

Advice is received at Paris from the East-Indies, by the way of Martinico. The return of M. Dorves to Isle of France is confirmed. The event is attributed to the difficulty of procuring himself provisions and ammunition, after having beat about the coasts upwards of three months. The letters received by that channel contain an anecdote unknown in Europe; which is, that the English having set a price upon the head of Hyder Ally, that furious prince had immediately ordered the right hands of all the English prisoners, in his power, to be cut off.

The Terrible man of war, destroyed in America, was a new ship, built only about seven years ago; the first time of her going to sea was in admiral Keppel's fleet, at the first commencement of hostilities with France.

The Terrible is the eighth ship of the line lost to the British navy since the commencement of the war; one only has fallen into the hands of the enemy, the Ardent of 64 guns, taken by the combined fleet, off Plymouth the year before last.

Oct. 22. The last week has made a wonderful alteration in the tone of government. Before that untoward period, nothing but the utter destruction of the Carolinas was talked off by the ministry and their creatures; but since the French have blocked up the Chesapeake, and landed 8000 troops, they can condescend to think it very well if lord Cornwallis should be lucky enough to effect his escape back to New-York.

Dec. 3. Wednesday morning the Dutch admiral Byland sailed through the channel, with four men of war and two frigates, and as commodore Stewart is sailed to meet him it is highly probable an action will ensue.

The following is his majesty's answer to the address from the house of lords on the king's speech.

My lords,

I thank you for this very dutiful and affectionate address. The assurances of your cheerful concurrence and support in the prosecution of the great and important contest in which we are engaged, gives me the highest satisfaction, and must have the most salutary effects. It shall be my constant endeavour to make the best use of this support for the attainment of the sole end which I have ever in view, a safe and honourable peace.

The foreign mails bring an account of the death of count de Maurepas, minister of France, at 81 years of age; and of the emperor's accession to the armed neutrality.

NEW-YORK, *February* 14.

The Narcissus sailed from Plymouth on the 8th of December last, at which time ten sail of the line, several of which were three deckers, were ready to sail from Portsmouth for the West-Indies, under the command of Sir George Bridges Rodney, K. B.

RICHMOND, *February* 16.

Yesterday an account was received here from Hampton, of the 9th instant, which informs, that a vessel had just arrived at the mouth of James river, from St. Thomas's, after a passage of sixteen days, and had brought the important intelligence that St. Kitts was taken by the troops of our illustrious ally, which count de Grasse had conveyed there.

General Greene, it is said, has re-crossed the Edisto and taken post at Dorchester, about 23 miles from Charles town. The enemy have abandoned Stono, and drawn in their advanced posts to the Quarter-house, about six miles from Charles-town.

Yesterday arrived in this town, on its way to the southward, a detachment from the French army, consisting of 300 horse and the same number of foot, commanded by the hon. brigadier-general de Choisy.

It is certain that the tories of all denominations, within the British lines, are waiting with anxious and eager expectation for acts of grace from the legislature of the several states. What grounds they have to look for favours of that kind is hard to say. They have abjured the land that gave them birth, and were they men of the least spirit, would instantly fly from it as far as winds or tes could carry them.

Wool once infected with a stain,
Ne'er takes its native white again.

Rear admiral Graves, in his way from New-York to Jamaica, carried into Antigua the French Imperieux, of 40 guns and 350 men, loaded with cannon, stands of arms, bale goods, medicines, &c. bound from Cadiz to Philadelphia.

A large Spanish ship, with a considerable quantity of specie, about 60 pieces of brass cannon, and some ordnance stores on board, was taken by a British frigate and ordered for New-York, but a letter of marque brig, belonging to New-London, falling in with her on her passage thither, re-captured her without opposition. The commander of the frigate thought proper to break bulk upon the cash, which he fleeced her entirely of, but left the cannon, stores, &c. on board, with which she is arrived in a safe port.

A few days ago was cast ashore on Willoughby's point, near Hampton, a brig from St. Thomas's, with a valuable cargo, chief part of which is said to be lost. The master reports that the island of St. Christopher's is taken by count de Grasse.

ANNAPOLIS, *February* 28.

On Sunday last the ship Venus, captain James Buchanan, from Baltimore, with a cargo of flour, in stretching down the bay overset, by which accident five or six of her hands were drowned.

February 25, 1782.

GENTLEMEN,

BY publishing the following extracts from Mr. Samuel Chase's letters to me of the 21th and 23d instant, you will oblige your most humble servant,

CH. CARROLL, of CARROLLTON.

To Messrs. Frederick and Samuel Green.

First extract.

"IN your address to me, as a corroborating circumstance, that the reports circulated (in the fall 1778) injurious to my character, were true, you asserted, "*that I remained silent three years under the imputation of a breach of trust.*" In my answer I said, that this assertion was contrary to the truth, *and your own knowledge of the fact.* I have fully proved, and can maintain, that your allegation, that I remained silent three years, under the imputation of a breach of trust, was contrary to the truth. I admit, that the latter part of my answer was improper, and that I cannot maintain, that your assertion *was contrary to your own knowledge of the fact*; and that I *now* believe from evidence lately disclosed, it was not warranted by the fact."

Second extract.

"The second matter in my answer to your address, which gives you offence, is my assertion—*that I did not believe that you gave credit to the reports circulated against me in* 1778, *and which occasioned the instructions.* I am now satisfied that in this assertion also, I was mistaken, and *now* admit that you *did* give credit to the reports at the time you drew the instructions. When I made this assertion, I had no doubt of the truth of it; the circumstance,

which induced me to make it, was related to me by several persons of unquestionable veracity; but the testimony lately given, and your declaration, that you was misunderstood, influence me to this admission."

THE subscriber intends to petition the general assembly, at their next session, to pass an act to quietly possess him of the whole tract of land called St. John's, with addition, near St. Mary's church, lately bought as confiscated property, lying in Snow-hill manor; part of said land was formerly called St. Barry's, which, within eight years past, I bought as proprietor's property.

JOHN MACKALL.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of Benjamin Allein, late of Calvert county, deceased, are desired to make payment, and all those that have claims against the said estate, are desired to bring them in legally proved, as they may be paid, by

WILLIAM ALLEIN, executor.

TAKEN up as a stray, by Robert Timms, in St. Mary's county a bright bay mare, about 5 years old last spring, 13¾ hands high, branded on the near buttock but not perceptible, a small blaze in her face, snip on her nose, off hind foot white, sway backed, docked, and unbroke. The owner is desired to prove property, pay charges, and take her away.

A FEW copies of the LAWS of MARYLAND, passed last session of assembly, may be had at the Printing-office.

THERE is at Mrs. Rachel Hammond's plantation, on the Head of Severn, a stray black gelding, with a star and snip, about 13¾ hands high, about 6 years old, hanging mane, and switch tail, trots, paces, and canters, no perceivable brand. He is desired to be proved, charges paid, and taken away.

Also at Mr. Rezin Hammond's plantation, on Severn, a brindle cow and heifer, appear both to be marked with a crop, slit, and under cut in the right ear, and a crop and slit in the left. The owner is desired to prove them, pay charges, and take them away. 3 JOSHUA KIRBY.

Annapolis, February 7, 1782.

THE officers of the fifth Maryland regiment, and such of the other regiments of that line, who have had orders to remain in the state to prosecute the recruiting service, are required to repair to this station as soon as circumstances may possibly admit after receiving this notice.

And all the soldiery of the Maryland line, now in the state, are required to rendezvous here immediately on receipt of this notice, except those who may be disabled from serving by loss of a limb, or wounds, who have had permission to remain at home till further orders. All soldiers not included in the above exception, who do not comply with this order in proper time, will be advertised and treated as deserters, when apprehended.

3X W. SMALLWOOD, M. G.

February 11, 1782.

STOLEN out of the subscriber's pasture, on the 24th day of November 1781, a likely dark bay mare, about 13¾ hands high, 9 years old this spring, neither dock'd nor branded, she has a small star in her forehead, and a small streak of white on the inside of her right fore foot at the setting on of the hoof, she is much marked with the saddle on the back, and with the breast plate of a chair harness on her breast, she drags her hind feet when used. Whoever takes up said mare, and brings her home, or gives information to the owner, so that he may get her again, shall receive a reward of six dollars in specie. 1w

2 RICHARD RAWLINGS.

January 23, 1782.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of Dr. Richard Tootell, late of the city of Annapolis, deceased, by bond, note, or open account, are desired to come and discharge the same to the subscribers, and those who have claims against the said estate, are requested to bring them in regularly proved, to be settled.

4X ELIZABETH TOOTELL, ROBERT COUDEN, } executors.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of Abraham Woodward, late of Prince George's county, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment, and all those that have any just claims against the said estate, are desired to bring them in legally proved, that they may be paid, by

MARGARET WOODWARD, executrix, FREDERICK SPRIGG, executor. w3

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Office for confiscated estates, Annapolis, January 26, 1782.

PURSUANT to an act of the late general assembly, will be sold at public auction, the following property, on the days, at the places, and upon the terms, hereafter mentioned, viz. At Frederick-town, on the 4th day of March next, a tract of lying in Tom's-creek hundred, called Alexander's Choice, containing 400 acres, late the property of Henry Riddle.—A tract called Part of Brook's Discovery, in Tawney-town hundred, containing 613 acres, late the property of James Somerville.—A tract called Wells Invention, in Lower Kittocton hundred, containing 600 acres, late the property of Thomas Philpot.—A tract called Discovery, in Lower Monocasy hundred, containing 130 acres. Another tract, called Addition to Discovery, containing 80 acres. Another tract, called Long Hope, containing 100 acres, late the property of Philip Key.

At Bladensburg, on the 6th of March, two lots situate in said town. A tract of land called Part of Warburton, lying in Rock hundred, containing 429 acres. Chew's Folly, containing 92 acres. Chance, containing 25 acres. A number of very valuable slaves and other property, late belonging to Daniel Stevenson.

At George-town, on the 9th of March, a very valuable and finely situated house and lot in said town, late the property of Dunlap and son.

At Port-Tobacco, on the 13th of March, a house and lot late the property of James Jamison, or Jamison and company.—Also a tract of land called Simpson's Delight, containing 240 acres, late the property of Sherborne Stewart.

At Benedict, on the 16th of March, a house and lot late the property of Henry Riddle.

At Talcot Court-house, on the 5th day of March, a house and lot, and warehouses, situate at Kingston, and a negro slave named Will, late the property of Samuel Gale, or Gale and Feron.—Also a tract of land called Part of Turkey-Neck, containing 125 acres, Part of Mount Hope, containing 50 acres, late the property of the heirs of Anthony Richardson.

At Cambridge, on the 8th of March, a tract of land called Ennalls's Outlet, containing 150 acres. Smart's Folly, containing 150 acres. Hamilton's Adventure, containing 116 acres, late the property of Alexander Hamilton.

At Hunting-creek Mills, on the 18th of March, a tract of land called Dickinson's Plains, containing 286 acres. Richardson's Adventure, containing 80 acres. Limerick, containing 30 acres. Hacket's Garden, containing 300 acres, also late the property of Alexander Hamilton.

At Kent county, on the premises, on the 28th day of March, that valuable tract of land late the property of Lloyd Dulany. Also a number of fine slaves, with stock of every kind, &c.

At the city of Annapolis, on the 26th day of March, a large and commodious dwelling house, with a good lot, a well chosen library of books, and a considerable quantity of household furniture.

Should any of the foregoing days of sale happen to be very bad weather, the sale will be held the next fair day. The large tracts of land will be parcelled out, to suit the purchasers. The sum bid to be paid in gold or silver, one third in ten days from the day of sale, another third in twenty days from the first payment, and the remaining third on the 10th day of September next. Every purchaser must be prepared to give bond and security on the day of sale, otherwise he will forfeit his bargain, and the property be set up a second time.

All and every person, having any claim or demand against, or to, any of the foregoing estates, are requested to present the same, properly authenticated, to the commissioners, before the day of sale.

By order,

5X JO. BAXTER, clk.

Charles county, February 9, 1782.

To be sold, on Monday the first of April, if fair, if not the next fair day, at public vendue, for crop tobacco,

THE valuable and well improved plantation whereon the subscriber now dwells, containing two hundred acres, it lies within two miles of Benedict, and includes a considerable part of the low grounds on the head of Indian creek, which affords excellent meadow and pasturage for stock. Also stock of all kinds, household and kitchen furniture, a complete new ox-cart and two yoke of oxen. A considerable time of payment will be given those that require it, on giving bond and approved security. w3

2 EDWARD ANDERSON.

To be LET in Annapolis,

THE HOUSE and LOT lately occupied by Richard Lee, Esquire. Enquire of the printer. 2

Stafford county, Virginia, December 11, 1781.

To be sold, for specie or tobacco,

THE beautiful high bred horse TAMERLANE, he is a fine bay full 15 hands 1 inches high, rising 6 years old, his blood is unexceptionable, his pedigree may be seen by any gentleman that inclines to purchase. Reasonable time for payment will be given, if required.

W. BRENT.

N. B. Tamerlane is brother to Mr. Conway's (late Mr. Hill's) noted Black and all Black, and brother to my mare Stella that ran at Baltimore in October, 1780, and is not inferior to either in speed. 7

January 22, 1782.

THIS is to give notice, that I shall apply to the next general assembly for an act to have a deed recorded from Sarah Gassaway, and Thomas Gassaway, executrix and executor of capt. John Gassaway, deceased, to William Chapman, for a tract of land called Taylor's Triangle, lying in Anne-Arundel county.

4 WILLIAM CHAPMAN.

Prince-George's county, January 15, 1782.

CAME to my plantation near the Woodyard, about the beginning of November last, the following cattle, viz. a black and white cow, has a star on her forehead, is marked with a swallow-fork on her right ear, a crop and under bit on her left, is supposed to be about 5 years old, and has lately calved. A dunish red and white ditto, has a white blaze running down her nose from her forehead, cropt on both ears, judged to be about 10 years old, and is now with calf. A red ditto, about 5 years old, has lately calved, has a white mark on her forehead in form of a heart, a fork, under bit and hole, on the right, and a slit and under bit on the left. A red ditto, with a white face, about 5 years old, no perceivable marks, has lately calved. A black and white spotted heifer, about 2 years old, has a crop and hole on the right ear, and a crop and slit on the left. A dark brindle and white steer, has a bald face, is about 5 or 6 years old, and cropt on both ears. The owners are desired to prove property, pay charges, and take them away. 3w

3X BENEDICT CALVERT.

LANDS FOR SALE.

STRING ENLARGED, 644 acres, resurveyed in January 1775, and certificate returned for 845 acres, examined and passed, by the name of *Head-Quarters*, but not patented, because of the war: part of *Mansell's United Friendship*, 359 acres: part of *Mansell's Purchase*, 1400 acres: *The Scheme*, 74 acres: these four tracts lie adjoining each other. Part of *Windsor-Forest*, 1136 acres; this tract lies about 4 miles from the above lands. All the tracts are called *Forest-land*; a considerable part of them is very good soil; each tract is very well watered, and there are on the whole about 200 acres of good meadow ground. There is little timber on the above tracts, except on the main western fork of the western, or Delaware, falls of Patapsco river, where enough may be procured to build tobacco houses: these lands lie near the great main road from Frederick-town to Baltimore, and between 25 and 30 miles from the latter, and in the neighbourhood of the late Mr. Samuel Mansell. *Resolution*, granted for 667 acres, of which about one half is clear of elder tracts; this land lies below *Bush-creek*, about 8 miles from Frederick-town, near one Solomon Turner's. In all about 4,147 acres. A reasonable price will be taken for the *whole*; if the tracts are sold *separately*, the price will be more or less, according to the quality and situation. The title to all the tracts is indisputable. Bond with security, for tobacco, or specie, with interest; or bills of credit of the last emission, at par with specie; will be taken in payment, and the lands immediately conveyed. Enquire of the printers. 22X

Port-Tobacco, Charles county, Jan. 8, 1782.

LANDS for SALE.

PART of Pointon-manor, containing upwards of 200 acres; also one other part of the aforesaid Pointon-manor, at present undivided, supposed to contain near 100 acres, adjoining the aforesaid part; the whole laying on Nanjemoy creek in Charles county; the soil well adapted for planting or farming. The sale to be on the premises on Wednesday the 10th day of February next. Any person inclinable to purchase may view the premises and know the terms, by applying to me, living on the land. w3

3X ROBERT DOYNE.

To be SOLD,

A BILLIARD TABLE, with balls, tacks, and all other conveniences belonging to it. Enquire of Thomas Graham, near the dock, Annapolis. 3X

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